California F-Scale (Adorno 1950)

Instructions: Answer each question with numbers ranging from strong disagreement to strong agreement. These numbers may be -3, -2, -1, 1, 2, or 3.

1. Obedience and respect for authority are the most important virtues children should learn.
2. No weakness or difficulty can hold us back if we have enough willpower.
3. Science has its place, but there are many important things that can never possibly be understood by the human mind.
4. Human nature being what it is, there will always be war and conflict.
5. Every person should have complete faith in some supernatural power whose decisions he obeys without question.
6. When a person has a problem or a worry, it is best for him not to think about it, but to keep busy with more cheerful things.
7. A person who has bad manners, habits, and breeding can hardly expect to get along with decent people.
8. What the youth need most is strict discipline, rugged determination, and the will to work and fight for family and country.
9. Some people are born with an urge to jump from high places.
10. Nowadays when so many different kinds of people move around and mix together so much, a person has to protect himself especially carefully against catching an infection or disease from them.
11. An insult to our honor should always be punished.
12. Young people sometimes get rebellious ideas but as they grow up they ought to get over them and settle down.
13. It is best to use some prewar authorities in Germany to keep order and prevent chaos.
14. What this country needs most, more than laws and political programs, is a few courageous, tireless, devoted leaders in whom the people can put their faith.

15. Sex crimes, such as rape and attacks on children, deserve more than mere imprisonment; such a criminals ought to be publicly whipped, or worse.
16. People can be divided into two distinct classes: the weak and the strong.